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FOR BORN PASS TO DAVID PATTISON FROM JAMES COLEMAN

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SUBJECT: INTERESTED PARTY MESSAGE.

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1. FEEL STRONGLY THAT YOU SHOULD OBTAIN WRITTEN PROPOSAL
OR AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT PRIOR TO YOUR
LEAVING BANGLADESH TO EXPLAIN THAT YOU WILL THEN BRING
THEIR WRITTEN AGREEMENT TO THE STATES SO THAT IT CAN BE
APPROVED AND SIGNED BY US. AT LEAST YOU WILL OBTAIN A
FIRM WRITTEN COMMITMENT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT MAY NEED
FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT SOME WRITTEN SIGNED PROPOSAL.
WE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN ON OUR NEXT
VISIT WITH PERHAPS A CHANGE OF MINISTRY AND GOVERNMENT. IT
IS BETTER TO WAIT UNTIL OUR INTEREST ARE COMPLETELY
NEGOTIATED AND STRENGTHENED WITH THE GOVERNMENT BEFORE
PROPOSING OR DISCUSSING A JOINT BANGLADESH PARTNER REGARD-
LESS OF HOW RELIABLE HE MAY APPEAR. TRY YOUR BEST TO BRING
MATTERS TO A CONCLUSION PRIOR TO YOUR LEAVING AS MOST
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IMPORTANT JOB TO SETTLE BANGLADESH INTEREST. HAVE BEEN

WRITING EXACT AMOUNT IF NECESSARY OF EITHER INVESTMENT IN
DOLLARS REQUIRED TO BE MADE BY US IN OIL MILL AND DETERMIN-
ING EXACTLY HOW MUCH OF OUR PRESENT FUNDS IN BANGLADESH CAN
BE USED TO SETTLE WITH THE GOVERNMENT ANY OF THE CLEARANCES

SO OUR OWNERSHIP IS CLEARLY AND FINALLY ESTABLISHED BOTH
AT THE TERMINAL AND THE OIL MILL.

2. CAUTION: TO BE NON-COMMITAL REGARDING ANY NEW BENGALIEE
PARTNERS AS WE WOULD MUCH PREFER TO CONDUCT PARTNERSHIP
WITH THE GOVERNMENT RATHER THAN NY BANGLADESH INDIVIDUAL.
ALSO TRY TO BEND GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST SO THAT IF IT
IS TO BE SOLD IT MUST BE OFFERED TO US FIRST. THANKS FOR
YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE WORK AND KEEP US ADVISED. KISSINGER

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